

CHESTER F. KIMBALL.

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Mr. SCOTT, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 9082.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 9082) granting an increase of pension to Chester F. Kimball, have examined the same and report:

The report of the Committee on Invalid Pensions of the House of Representatives, hereto appended, is adopted and the passage of the bill is recommended.

The House report is as follows:

This soldier, now 63 years of age, served as a private in Company E, Thirteenth Pennsylvania Reserves, from August 12, 1861, to November 17, 1865, when discharged as sergeant of Company A, Thirteenth Veteran Reserve Corps, to which transferred.

He is now pensioned under the act of June 27, 1890, at \$12 per month, for total disability due to gunshot wound of left shoulder, rheumatism, and disease of eyes and digestive organs.

He was formerly pensioned under the general law for gunshot wound of the left shoulder, received in action at Fredericksburg, Va., in December, 1863.

When last examined, on June 4, 1890, the board of surgeons found him to suffer from pterygium on the inner side of the right eye, convergent strabismus of the left eye, with enlargement of the liver, and anæmia.

Proof filed with your committee shows that on December 6, 1903, the beneficiary suffered a severe stroke of paralysis, causing paralysis of the left side; that he is now totally helpless, and requires the aid and attendance of another person.

Other proof filed shows that he has no means of support except a pension of \$12 per month, and has a wife, not in good health, and a child about 11 years of age dependent upon him for support.

This wholly destitute and helpless soldier, who rendered over four years of honorable service, is entitled to relief to the extent of an increase of his pension from \$12 to \$30 per month in the light of numerous precedents.

The passage of the bill is therefore recommended.